

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KATSUHITO SAKURAI, ET AL.) : Examiner: UNASSIGNED
Appln. No.: UNASSIGNED) : Group Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
Filed: Concurrently Herewith) :
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) February 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

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line 16 change "showing the" to
--schematically illustrating a camera (image
pickup apparatus) utilizing a solid state image pickup device
according to any one of the first to--.

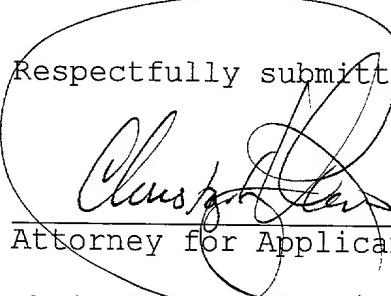
REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with the original application papers and merely amends the written disclosure to conform more clearly with the original drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicants request favorable consideration of the above-referenced application in view of the foregoing amendments.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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